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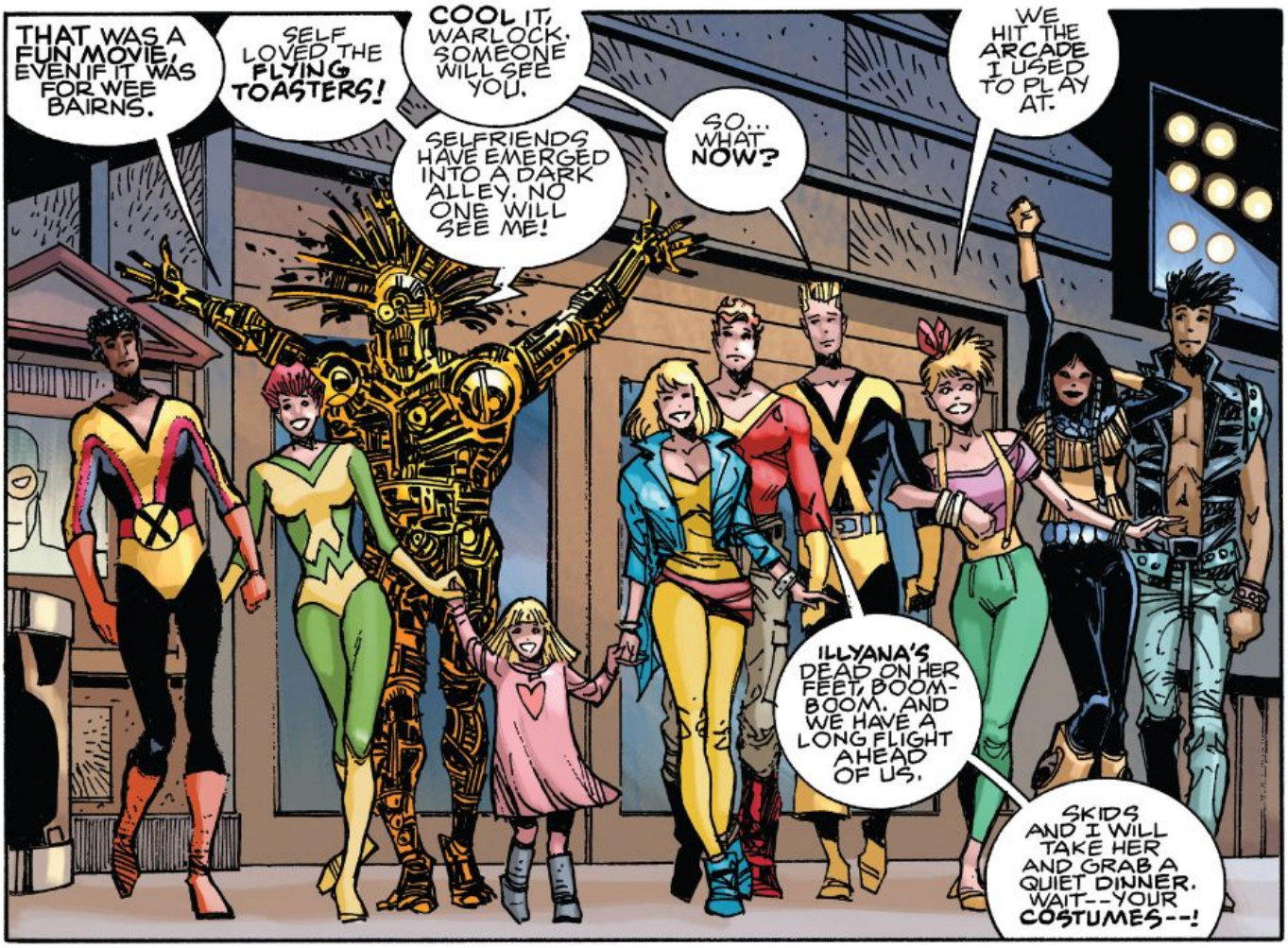
THAT WAS A FUN MOVIE, EVEN IF IT WAS FOR WEE BAIRNS.
SELF LOVED THE FLYING TOASTERS!
COOL IT, WARLOCK. SOMEONE WILL SEE YOU.
SELFRIENDS HAVE EMERGED INTO A DARK ALLEY. NO ONE WILL SEE ME!
SO... WHAT NOW?
WE HIT THE ARCADE I USED TO PLAY AT.
ILLYANA'S DEAD ON HER FEET, BOOM-BOOM. AND WE HAVE A LONG FLIGHT AHEAD OF US.
SKIDS AND I WILL TAKE HER AND GRAB A QUIET DINNER. WAIT--YOUR COSTUMES--!

"DINNER?" YEAH, SURE, RUSTY. :SMOOCH SMOOCH:
AND DON'T SWEAT IT. THE ARCADE'S DARK, AND, BESIDES, EVERYBODY WEARS SPANDEX.
:SNORT: JUST MEET US AT BRYANT PARK AT 8. WE LEAVE AFTER MOON-RISE.

THE MOVIE'S OKAY, BUT THE ROBOT MONSTERS WERE A JOKE!
WE COULD'VE TAKEN THEM EASY!
OH, C'MON! WE HAVE POWERS, SO...

CRANKY! WHAT'S WITH YOU, DANI?
SORRY, 'BERTO. IT'S THIS HEADACHE. IT'S NOTHING, PROBABLY. MAYBE I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT GETTING ILLYANA HOME TO RUSSIA.
YOU'RE RIGHT. WORKING TOGETHER, WE MIGHTY MONSTER HUNTERS CAN DO ANYTHING!

# MONSTERS

WHILE HALF A WORLD AWAY, HIDDEN BENEATH KANCHENJUNGA PEAK IN NEPAL, IN THE HIGH-TECH CAVERN HIDEOUT OF THE MUTANT APOCALYPSE...
MASTER, YOU SEEM PERTURBED. CAN CALIBAN HELP?
I AM CONCERNED, MY HOUND. THE CELESTIALS MAY BE DISAPPOINTED WITH X-FACTOR--THE SAMPLE HUMANS I ALLOWED TO LEAVE ABOARD SHIP.*
THOSE MONSTROUS GIANTS' DISPLEASURE COULD RESULT IN THEIR PREMATURE RETURN TO EARTH AND THEIR JUDGMENT AGAINST HUMANITY'S FITNESS TO SURVIVE.
HUMANITY--MUTANTKIND--MAY NEED TO QUICKLY BECOME MUCH STRONGER IF THE NEED TO CONFRONT THEM ARISES.
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# X-MEN LEGENDS

The Xavier School's latest batch of gifted youngsters are

# THE NEW MUTANTS

ROBERTO DA COSTA
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**WARLOCK**

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**BOOM-BOOM**

DANI MOONSTAR
**PSYCHE**

JULIO RICHTER
**RICTOR**

**MOLE**

**CHICKEN WINGS**

**BEAUTIFUL DREAMER**

MARIA CALLASANTOS
**FERAL**

EN SABAH NUR
**APOCALYPSE**

AUTUMN ROLFSON
**FAMINE**

**HEALER**

**MASQUE**

**ERG**

**APE**

ABRAHAM KIEROS
**WAR**

**CALIBAN**

**After meeting up with X-Factor, the New Mutants are out for a well-earned night on the town, but Caliban has other plans in mind...**


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WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
YOU HEARD APOCALYPSE. OUR MASTER WILL NEED TO REPLACE HIS MISSING HORSEMEN.
CALIBAN IS GOING TO ENTER THE MORLOCK TUNNELS--THE ALLEY--AND SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL RECRUITS.
MORLOCKS? TO TAKE THE PLACE OF PESTILENCE AND DEATH? YOU'RE JOKING!
AREN'T MOST OF YOUR MORLOCK PALS DEAD?
CALIBAN IS A LIVING MUTANT DETECTOR, FAMINE.
HE SENSES THAT MORE MORLOCKS SURVIVED THE MARAUDERS' GENOCIDAL ATTACK THAN YOU HAVE GUESSED.
MORLOCKS LIKE YOU? WEAK, WORTHLESS FREAKS! NONE WHO COME NEAR TO MATCHING WAR...OR ME.
KICKK!
OUR STRONGEST SURVIVED, FAMINE, AND THEIR POWER MIGHT SURPRISE YOU.
FOLLOW ME, IF YOU CAN.
TEST THEM, IF YOU DARE.

THESE... THINGS ARE WHAT YOU WANT TO OFFER TO APOCALYPSE?
MARAUDERS!
RUN!
LEAVE THEM, FAMINE. THESE MORLOCKS ARE NOT EQUIPPED FOR BATTLE...
STILL... IT MIGHT BE FUN TO TRY THEIR ABILITIES. TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY CAN SURVIVE.
"... BUT THERE ARE OTHERS HERE WHO ARE. AND CALIBAN WILL FIND THEM."
YOU BURROWED US THROUGH TO THE SURFACE, MOLE, BUT THE MARAUDERS MIGHT FOLLOW. WHAT NOW?
WE HIDE! SOME-WHERE WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE! LIKE--
--IN HERE!
DON'T YOU EVER LOSE?
NOPE. YOU GUYS MAY NEVER GET A TURN.
I COULD MAKE THE GAME MORE CHALLENGING.
RICTOR! YOU CHEATER! YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR--
UH-OH!

EEK! MONSTERS!
CRASH!
RICTOR!
IT WASN'T ME! IT WAS--
MORLOCKS-- MOLE AND CHICKEN WINGS, I THINK.
I THOUGHT THEY DIED, BUT I GUESS THEY DIDN'T, BECAUSE--
THERE THEY ARE!
WE HAVE TO DISTRACT PEOPLE. GET THEM OUT OF HERE BEFORE--
ONE DISTRACTION COMING UP! GOOD THING THEY SHOWED UP BEFORE I USED THIS TIME BOMB ON YOU!
3-
-2-
-1-
BOOM
NOW-- WHILE NO ONE'S LOOKING AT US.
SELF HAS THEM!
DON'T PANIC! WE'RE MUTANTS, LIKE YOU! JUST TELL US WHY YE RAN IN HERE LIKE THAT.

I HEAR SIRENS!
INTO MOLE'S TUNNEL! QUICK!
GOOD CALL. MOVE IT. WE NEED TA GET OUTTA SIGHT PRONTO!
THE SURFACE DWELLERS THINK WE'RE MONSTROUS, BUT THE MARAUDERS ARE THE TRUE HORRORS! AND NOW THEY'RE IN THE ALLEY!
LAST TIME, THEY TOOK MY ARM. AN' NOW THEY WANNA FINISH US ALL!*
*IN THE MUTANT MASSACRE.
EVIL MUTANT ASSASSINS THREATEN REMAINING MORLOCKS?
SELFRIENDS, WE MUST NOT ALLOW IT.
'LOCK, WE CAN'T STOP THEM!
WE PROMISED X-FACTOR WE WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING STUPID.
HELPING PEOPLE ISN'T STUPID, RICTOR.
A DEATH AURA SURROUNDS THESE TWO. UNLESS WE ACT, THEY'RE GOING TO DIE.
BUT NOT TODAY!
NOT IF WE CAN STOP IT!
NOT IF WE CAN SAVE THEM.

KEEP GOING! THE ALLEY'S RIGHT AHEAD!
WE'RE TOO LATE! THEY HAVE APE! AND BEAUTIFUL DREAMER!
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE FUN. BUT THESE CREATURES ARE TOO BORING TO PUT UP A DECENT FIGHT.
WHERE'S CALIBAN?
DOING WHATEVER A HELL HOUND DOES. HUNTING. TRACKING. WHO CARES?
WE CARE! DROP THEM!
WELL, WELL. REINFORCEMENTS! BUT UNIMPRESSIVE. FELLED EASILY--
--WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
BOOM!
DIOS--! HIS POWER'S A LOT LIKE MINE.
WITH ANOTHER CLAP, HE COULD SHAKE DOWN THE TUNNEL. EVEN BRING DOWN THE BUILDINGS ABOVE!

WHILE, BLOCKS AWAY...
ERG, WAIT--
BOOM!
THAT IDIOT!
MOLE! CHICKEN WINGS! KEEP BACK!
NOW, THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
FLIPP!
BUT NOT QUITE GOOD ENOUGH!
FAMINE, DRAIN HIM!
YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME, BUT-- WHATEVER!

DROP HIM!
NOW...
CHILL, KID. YOU LOOK STARVED.
SELFRIEND RAHNE! WHAT HAS SHE DONE?
SELF IS COMING!
"SELF" IS GOING--
BOOM!
SELFRIENDS. CEILING. DUST. DANGER.

WAR IS A FOOL! DOESN'T HE KNOW THE ALLEY COULD COLLAPSE? DOESN'T HE CARE?
I DON'T DARE USE MY POWER HERE...AND I DON'T KNOW HOW ELSE TO HELP.
I DO.
FZZZP
DON'T!
RICTOR'S RIGHT, BOOM-BOOM!
THROW THAT...
...AND WE ALL DIE!

BOOM-BOOM? RICTOR? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE--?
CALIBAN?! BUT--?
HE'S NOT OUR FRIEND ANYMORE, BOOM-BOOM! HE'S CHANGED! HE WORKS FOR APOCALYPSE NOW!
AND THOSE CREEPS AREN'T MARAUDERS. THEY'RE APOCALYPSE'S HORSEMEN! YOUR NEW TEAMMATES, CALIBAN! YOU'RE PART OF THIS!
POP!
THAT'S FOUR OF US DOWN. PLUS DANI'S GETTING WORSE!
GIVEN HER WEIRD HISTORY, THAT HEADACHE MIGHT BE AN ATTACK! * WE DON'T DARE USE OUR POWERS...
BUT WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!
*SEE NEW MUTANTS #77-78. 'NUFF SAID.
FAMINE, THOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT OUR ENEMIES. DROP THEM!
THEY'RE FINISHED! LIKE YOU'LL BE, SOON ENOUGH!
APOCALYPSE'S JUMPED-UP PET HOUND, HIS NEW FAVORITE PLAYTHING, CRUSHED, LIKE THESE LOSERS, BENEATH THE SHARDS OF A FALLEN CITY!

WAR...? IF YOU'RE READY...?
NO! SELF IS NOT FINISHED! SELF WILL MUFFLE YOUR SOUND WITH HIS OWN BODY!
SELF WILL STOP YOU-- UMPH!
BO-PPP
HOHOOOM!
CLEVER WARLOCK! YOU BOUGHT US TIME...
...BUT WAR COULD KILL US ALL AND TELE-PORT SAFELY AWAY!
"GOT TO GET IT TOGETHER. FOCUS PAST THE PAIN IN MY HEAD! USE IT, SUMMON...
"...HIS GREATEST FEAR!"
APOCALYPSE! HOW CAN YOU BE HERE? HOW CAN YOU HAVE GUESSED?
WHAT--?!

AN ILLUSION! HA! HA! HA! AS IF THAT COULD STOP ME!
THE HOUND IS DOWN, WAR. DRAINED. HELPLESS.
NOW CRUSH HIM! CRUSH THEM ALL! AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE OUR MASTER ARRIVES FOR REAL!
MARAUDERS-- AS WE FEARED, SOME HAVE RETURNED!
ERG-- THANK HEAVEN! THEY AREN'T MARAUDERS! THEY'RE APOCALYPSE'S HORSEMEN!
THAT'S WAR! HE'S THE DANGER. DON'T LET HIM CLAP.
STOP HIM, OR THE TUNNEL'S NOTHING BUT A PILE OF RUBBLE.

WE MORLOCKS LEARNED A LOT ABOUT EVIL WHEN WE MET THE MARAUDERS.
WE PREPARED OURSELVES TO FACE SCUM LIKE YOU!
YOU THINK?
LOOKS LIKE YOU SHOULD'VE PREPARED A LITTLE HARDER!
NOT BAD, WEIRDO, BUT I'M STILL BIGGER THAN YOU--
STRONGER THAN YOU!
UGLIER THAN YOU!
NOT MUCH GOOD FOR CLAPPING NOW, ARE YOU?
OR BREATHING-- OR MUCH OF ANYTHING!

UNFF!
DROP HER!
PZAPT!
HOW DARE YOU, CALIBAN, TO RETURN HERE SO CHANGED IN BODY AND IN SPIRIT?
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN LIKE THIS.
THE CHILDREN ARE WITH X-FACTOR. CALIBAN ...CAN EXPLAIN.
THEY SAVED US, ERG. THEY FOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE ALLEY.
THEY KEPT THE CITY FROM CRASHING DOWN INTO OUR TUNNELS TILL YOU ARRIVED.
HEALER, HELP THEM, PLEASE.

AS YOU WISH, MOLE.
HEALER, PROCEED.
AH, THANK YOU, SIR. THE X-MEN SPOKE HIGHLY OF YOU.
I RECOGNIZED RICTOR AND BOOM-BOOM, BUT--
HI, ERG. THE REST OF US ARE NEW, BUT THEY'RE FRIENDS OF THE X-MEN AND POWER PACK, AND YOU KNOW THEM, RIGHT?
SO... UM... THANKS FOR SAVING US.
WHAT RIGHT HAVE YOU, CALIBAN, TO BRING ENEMIES INTO OUR TUNNELS?
CALIBAN JOINED APOCALYPSE TO GAIN POWER TO SLAY MARAUDERS AND TO AVENGE HIS FALLEN MORLOCK COMRADES--
--NOT, CALIBAN SWEARS, TO BECOME LIKE A MARAUDER HIMSELF, OR BRING HARM TO HIS PEOPLE.
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
MY MASTER APOCALYPSE FEARS AN INVASION MAY BE COMING. HE NEEDS THE STRONG, PERHAPS AN ARMY OF THE STRONG.
IN RETURN, HE CAN OFFER POWER BEYOND YOUR IMAGINING. BUT ONLY IF YOU AGREE TO SERVE HIM.

YOU CAME HERE TO OFFER US JOBS?
AND YOU, I SUPPOSE, ARE APOCALYPSE'S HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.
NO, THANKS. WE'VE SEEN THE KIND OF CREATURES APOCALYPSE RECRUITS.
SOME SAY WE MORLOCKS ARE MONSTERS. BUT THOSE... THOSE ARE THE MONSTERS.
THEM-- AN' YOU WITH THEM.
WE GOT OUR OWN LIVES...AN' OUR WORK CUT OUT FER US, MORE'N USUAL, SHORIN' UP THE MESS YOUR GUYS MADE HERE.
YOU, THEN? WILL YOU JOIN US?
YER KIDDIN', RIGHT?
AFTER WHAT APOCALYPSE HAS DONE?
AFTER YOU NEARLY BROUGHT DOWN THE CITY?
TWICE!
NOT A CHANCE!
WE AREN'T THAT CRAZY!
SELF WONDERS HOW YOU CAN EVEN ASK.

THESE THREE WOULD HAVE DESTROYED US. IS IT NOT JUST THAT WE SHOULD DESTROY THEM IN TURN?
CALIBAN FEARS THAT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE, MASQUE.
CALIBAN MUST RETURN APOCALYPSE'S HORSEMEN SO HE CAN RESTORE THEM IF HE SO CHOOSES.
THEY, LIKE CALIBAN, ARE HIS CREATURES...
...AND HIS, ALONE, TO DISPOSE OF AS HE WILL.

YOU'RE... GOING TO TELL HIM...?
NO NEED. OUR MASTER ALREADY KNOWS.
BUT SERVANTS ACT AT THE WILL OF THEIR MASTER... YOU... AND WAR... AND CALIBAN WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT.
BECOMING HIS SERVANT IS A CHOICE. ONE WE ALL MADE WILLINGLY.
AN INTERESTING EXERCISE IN AUTONOMY, MY HOUND. WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU LEARNED?
AT THIS TIME, BOTH YOUNG MUTANTS AND MORLOCKS ARE AVERSE TO JOINING US.
AND... IT WAS NOT CALIBAN'S PLACE TO INITIATE CONTACT.
IN TIME, THEIR ATTITUDES MAY CHANGE, BUT NOT BY MY HAND ALONE.
SUNSPOT, BOOM-BOOM, OR RICTOR MAY BE POSSIBILITIES, GIVEN THEIR PASTS AND THE HIDDEN PAIN THAT DRIVES THEM.
BUT THEY ARE NOT YET READY.
CARRY WAR AND FAMINE TO MY BIO LAB FOR RESTORATION. AND DO NOT LET THEM JOIN YOU AGAIN. FOR NOW, IT IS BEST THAT YOU HUNT ALONE.
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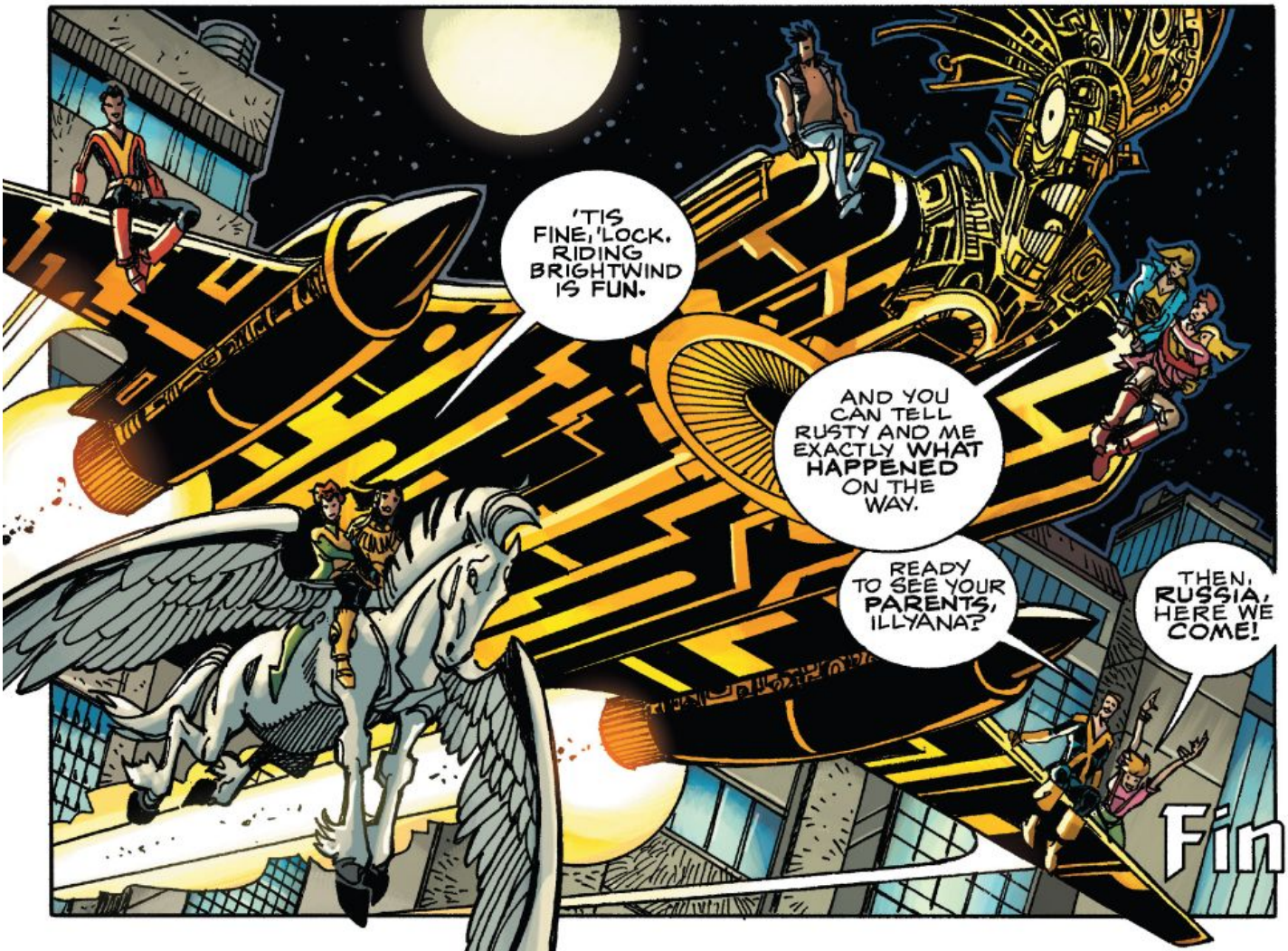
SORRY WE'RE LATE, BUT--
IF YOU WERE IN A FIGHT, I HOPE YOU GUYS WON.

ACTUALLY, WE NEARLY HAD OUR ASSES HANDED TO US.
BUT WE SAVED THE CITY.
WITH THE MORLOCKS' HELP.
AND I THINK WE...
...JUST TURNED DOWN A JOB.
WITH APOCALYPSE.
OR WHATEVER.
APOCALYPSE? WHAT?!

AND NOW WE'RE READY TO LEAVE. RAHNE, WANT TO JOIN ME ON BRIGHTWIND?

THAT IS NOT NECESSARY, SELFRIEND DANI.
AS YOU SEE, SELF IS RESTORED AND ABLE TO TRANSPORT ALL WITH COMPLETE EFFICIENCY.


'TIS FINE, 'LOCK. RIDING BRIGHTWIND IS FUN.
AND YOU CAN TELL RUSTY AND ME EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED ON THE WAY.
READY TO SEE YOUR PARENTS, ILLYANA?
THEN, RUSSIA, HERE WE COME!
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NEXT:

The New Mutants are off to further adventures, and so is X-MEN LEGENDS! Next month, we head back to before Excalibur for a Kitty Pryde and Nightcrawler adventure you won't want to miss, as Chris Claremont, Scot Eaton, Lorenzo Ruggiero and Rachelle Rosenberg unite to "START AGAIN"! --Drew

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